

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This communication is in response to the Non-Final Office Action dated August 7, 2007. Claims 1-5 have been canceled without prejudice. New claims 6-13 have been added. No new matter has been added. Claims 6-13 remain pending in this application with claims 6 and 13 being the only independent claims. Reconsideration in view of the amendments to the claims is respectfully requested.

Information Disclosure Statement

The Examiner has not considered the Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 30, 2006 on the grounds that it fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2), which requires a legible copy of each cited foreign patent document; each non-patent literature publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; and all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed. Applicants have filed today a new Information Disclosure Statement including a PTO Form SB08 and copies of all relevant references. Consideration of the references in the next communication is therefore requested.

Specification

The Examiner objected to the Abstract for not being limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. Furthermore, the specification was also objected to for lack of headings, e.g. "Brief Description of the Drawings". Amendments to the Abstract and specification have been made to overcome these objections. No new matter has been added. Withdrawal of these objections in view of the amendments to the specification is requested.

Claim Objections and Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

Applicants have provided a new set of amended claims that overcomes the outstanding objections and rejections to the claims. Withdrawal of these objections and rejections in view of the amended set of claims is requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the outstanding Office Action the Examiner indicated that the claims contain allowable subject matter that would be in condition for allowance if rewritten to overcome the outstanding objections and rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Applicants submit that the amendments to the claims overcome the outstanding objections and rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, while still retaining allowable subject matter.

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If entry and consideration of the amendments above requires an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee(s) due in this connection to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

ADDITIONAL FEE

Please charge any insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess, to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

Respectfully submitted,
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